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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</i>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/750,280
	<i>Filing Date</i>	December 29, 2000
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	L. Wells
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	D. Scott WILBUR
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1617
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	033700.005

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 8, 2004. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

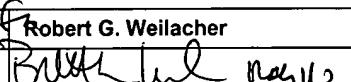
a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.02-4300

- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$440 enclosed. (\$385 RCE fee; \$55 Extension of Time)

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)
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U.S. Serial No.: 09/750,280) Group Art Unit:1617
Filed: December 29, 2000) Examiner: L. Wells

For: TRIFUNCTIONAL REAGENT FOR CONJUGATION TO A BIOMOLECULE

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A reply to the Notice of Granted Petition indicated that a response to the Notice of Appeal was due by June 9, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, large entity) is enclosed, extending the date to July 9, 2004. Therefore, please accept this Amendment and accompanying Request for Continuing Examination as timely filed.

In response to the Notice and the outstanding Office Action, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: